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Subject: EQUATORIA – A WALK ACROSS AFRICA - First US American attempts to walk coast to coast from Mozambique to Angola

African explorer Julian Monroe Fisher departed today for an epic journey across the African continent.

At sunrise on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from a deserted beach along the Indian Ocean in front of the Pemba Beach Hotel & Spa in East Africa, Fisher will begin his attempt to become 'the first US American explorer to walk coast to coast from Mozambique to Angola'.

Entitled EQUATORIA – A WALK ACROSS AFRICA, the expedition will find Fisher, a noted African explorer, walking west from the coastal town of Pemba, Mozambique, until he reaches the Atlantic Ocean coastal town of Lobito, Angola.

The more than 4,000 mile walk will take him across the landscape comprising parts of the territories of the African countries of Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola. The expedition is believed to also be 'the first attempted solo expedition by an explorer along this specific route'.

The primary objective of EQUATORIA – A WALK ACROSS AFRICA will be to connect the public to the work of MAG International maginternational.org/. The Mines Advisory Group work in current and former conflict zones, to reduce the threat of death and injury from remnants of conflict.

Quoting Fisher: *"Unlike so many of my contemporary explorers and adventurers, I will not be travelling with a satellite phone or a laptop, there will be no support truck. What is key for me is to enjoy this once in a lifetime epic journey every step of the trail, poli-poli, one step at a time. My goal is to take in all that I encounter, for EQUATORIA – A WALK ACROSS AFRICA is not about walking into a planetary void to capture a photo of myself with a frost covered face or a sun blistered nose. EQUATORIA is all about interacting with fellow humans to see how collectively we can all make the planet a better place."*

'EQUATORIA – A WALK ACROSS AFRICA is an Explorers Club www.explorers.org flag sanctioned expedition. Fisher has carried the Explorers Club flag four consecutive times during the past four years on expeditions to the African continent. In 2008 he and his team were accredited by the Ugandan Wildlife Authority for establishing a new route down from the Rwenzori Mountain glaciers along the Lamia River to the Semliki River confirming conclusively that the mountains are a true source of the River Nile.

Julian Monroe Fisher is from the town of Greenwood in the US state of South Carolina who currently lives with his family in Austria. He is an Anthropologist, a published author, a Fellow with The Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers) in London and an International Fellow of The Explorers Club in New York City.

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